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Ambassador Michael H. Armacost
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Dear Mike:

Just a couple of thoughts passed to me by some friends in the past few days. I assume it has come to your attention that the second Reagan/Mondale debate on foreign policy never once mentioned Europe. Some of my European friends also tell me that the SDI initiative isn't being explained well in Europe, and that many European leaders feel that the emphasis on SDI during the debate, plus the lack of discussion on Europe, is leading to isolationist feelings among many Europeans.

If you haven't seen the 8 October issue of The New Republic, there is a repudiation there by Robert S. Leiken of his previous article and position in which he took a position almost completely contrary to the Kissinger report on Central America. That, plus your State Department "white paper" on Grenada, would appear to be items that should be on the distribution list for all of our Ambassadors worldwide.

Just simply food for thought.

Very sincerely,

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